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SUBJECT: ASEISMIC DESIGN REVIEW PANEL FOR IRANIAN NUCLEAR
POWER REACTORS

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONVEY MESSAGE TO FARZIN, AEOI, THAT NRC WILL BE UNABLE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN REVIEW OF ASEISMIC DESIGN OF POWER REACTOR BEING BUILT BY FRENCH FOR IRAN, BUT THAT NRC OFFERS TO RECEIVE AEOI SEISMIC-STRUCTURAL EXPERTS TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS ON U.S. PRACTICE, AFTER REVIEW GROUP HAS MET. END SUMMARY.

2. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. H. FARZIN,
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DIRECTOR, AEOI NUCLEAR SAFETY DIVISION, FROM NRC, AND GIVE INFORMATION COPY TO HOUSHANG DEZFULIAN, CHAIRMAN, REVIEW PANEL, AT TEHRAN-BERKELEY CONSULTING ENGINEERS, NO. 4, THIRD STREET, MIREMAD STREET, TAKHTE TAVOOS AVENUE, P. O. BOX 41-2945, PHONE 858054. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY REACTION.

3. QUOTE DEAR DR. FARZIN:

I HAVE RECEIVED THE DOCUMENTATION ON THE USE OF ELASTOMERIC
PADS UNDER SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR THE IRAN 3 AND 4 REACTORS
AT ABADAN, IRAN AND HAVE FORWARDED IT TO THE NRC LICENSING
STAFF. I REGRET THAT AN NRC REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE UNABLE

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASEISMIC DESIGN REVIEW PANEL MEETING
IN TEHRAN. HOWEVER, NRC WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH ONE
OR MORE OF YOUR EXPERTS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN
WASHINGTON, AFTER THE PANEL OF EXPERTS YOU ARE CONVENING
HAS MET AND COME TO SOME TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS ON THIS
MATTER. AS PART OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, NRC STAFF COULD
ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT NRC'S APPROACH TO SUCH DESIGN
REVIEWS, AND ABOUT APPLICABLE NRC EXPERIENCE TO DATE.
I HOPE THIS IS SATISFACTORY, AND THAT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES
WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT US FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS. I ALSO
NOTE THAT DR. N. D. NEWMARK IS A MEMBER OF THE PANEL. AS
YOU KNOW, HE HAS LONG BEEN AN NRC CONSULTANT ON THIS
SUBJECT. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
A GREAT DEAL OF USEFUL INFORMATION ON THE CRITERIA AND
ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES USED IN THE UNITED STATES. SIGNED
LAFLEUR UNQUOTE.
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